

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on February 2, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 427, 2/24/2005; HB 422,
2/24/2005; HB 331, 2/24/2005
Executive Action: HB 427, HB 182, HB 345

HEARING ON HB 427

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. WANDA GRINDE (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 427,
Revise contributions to law enforcement group insurance.
00:03:37

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:11 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:24

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:30

HEARING ON HB 422

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 422,
Liveable wage for families.
00:09:08

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:27 Darrell Holzer, AFL-CIO
00:16:54 Gene Fenderson, Montana Laborers Union
00:19:18 Bob Ream, Montana Democratic Party
00:21:09 Todd Lovshin, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:34 Mike McGinley, Montana Economic Association
00:24:23 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
00:27:06 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
00:33:16 Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (buh26a01)

Informational Testimony:

00:39:36 John Andrew, Department of Labor

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:52

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:20

HEARING ON HB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 331, Joint underwriting association for medical malpractice insurance.
01:14:16

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:08 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

[EXHIBIT \(buh26a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh26a03\)](#)

01:35:09 Tom Ebzery, Hospital Association

01:37:34 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

01:39:01 Patrick Driscoll, State Auditor's Office

Opponents' Testimony:

01:39:47 Jacqueline Lenmark, Insurance Association

[EXHIBIT \(buh26a04\)](#) Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers
Association (written testimony only)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:39

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:25

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 427

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGREN moved that HB 427 DO PASS. Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with REP. MENDENHALL voting no. REPS. DOWELL, FUREY, GALVIN-HALCRO, VILLA and WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

REP. FUREY re-entered the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182

Motion: REP. BERGREN moved that HB 182 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:42:03

Motion: REP. BERGREN moved that HB 182 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:43:24

[EXHIBIT](#) (buh26a05)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. DOWELL, GALVIN-HALCRO, VILLA and WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. ROBERTS moved that HB 182 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:45:57

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with REP. GALLIK voting no. REPS. DOWELL, GALVIN-HALCRO, VILLA and WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 345

Motion: REP. GALLIK moved that HB 345 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:48:40

Motion: REP. MENDENHALL moved that HB 345 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:49:25

[EXHIBIT](#) (buh26a06)

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote. REP GALLIK voted no. REPS. DOWELL, GALVIN-HALCRO, VILLA and WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. GALLIK moved that HB 345 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:57:21

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. DOWELL, GALVIN-HALCRO, VILLA and WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh26aad0.TIF](#))